

The **Chair** stressed that the Town Council had not yet heard back from Highways engineers who would need to look at design viability and that the final decision rested with Wiltshire Council.

David Hammond had recently sent an email to the Town Council about the temporary closure of part of the footpath at Stonebridge Lane. It was important to note that this was a significant thoroughfare to access Stonebridge Meadow. He referred to the original planning application and the concerns raised by the Town Council about the possible impact on the lane. It was unsatisfactory to close the path for so long and asked what action could be taken to object to the closure. The **Chair** thanked him – his comments would be relevant when the closure was discussed at agenda item 10.

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APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs. Dow, Fogg, Loosmore, Farrell and Hillier.

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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr. Wilson – agenda item 7(d) – work to trees at Marlborough College – pecuniary interest.
Cllr. Price – agenda item 10 – pecuniary interest.

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CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **Chair** referred to a question from **Mrs Compton** at the previous meeting asking for a residents parking scheme for Kennet Place. No update was yet available due to Wiltshire Council officers' current priorities being around COVID work, although Kennet Place was acknowledged as a priority area for Wiltshire Council to consider for residents parking.

The **Chair** wanted to publicly acknowledge that Councillors had been closely following the comments and discussions that had been made in the press and social media about the temporary changes to widen pavements in the High Street and it was good to see so many people engaging and to see the full range of views on the issue. She wanted to clarify the purpose of the proposed changes:

- that it was a temporary measure
- that Wiltshire Council had provided a plan for the Town Council to provide feedback against
- that the Wiltshire Council plan had been drawn up following a central government initiative with the central purpose being to facilitate public safety measures to make streets COVID safe as lockdown restrictions were lifted and to facilitate social distancing
- any changes would be temporary and flexible, and could be changed very quickly if they were found not to be working

Councillors had also been asked to give their feedback to a long-term strategy in parallel with the temporary measures, which was something they were keen to pursue. It was hoped this could be discussed at the next Planning Committee meeting on 27 July.

The **Chair** hoped members of the public would continue to discuss and engage with the Town Council as it was helpful for Councillors to see what people were talking about in order to address this or other issues as they arise.

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MINUTES

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held 15 June 2020 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chair

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PLANNING DECISION NOTICES

Members noted the Planning Decision Notices that had been issued by Wiltshire Council.

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- a) **20/03411/LBC** – The erection of a bracket and sign indicating Marlborough Town Council offices and tourism enquiries at 5 High Street, Marlborough for Mrs Belinda Richardson. Members noted this application.
- b) **20/04425/FUL** – Single storey side extension, garage conversion, material changes to exterior and timber framed car port. Internal alterations and landscaping at 11 Priorsfield, Marlborough for Mr Paul Collis
RESOLVED: that Marlborough Town Council has no objection to this application
- c) **20/04107/FUL** – Demolition of existing front boundary wall and construction of a new wall at Lukes, The Common, Marlborough for Mr and Mrs Round
RESOLVED: that Marlborough Town Council has no objection to this application
- d) **20/04630/FUL** – Change of use from B1 to D1 use as a chiropractic clinic at 2A Old Hughenden Yard, Marlborough for Miss Pakenham
RESOLVED: that Marlborough Town Council has no objection to this application

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WORK TO TREES

- a) **20/04508/TCA** – Apple tree – fell at 70 High Street, Marlborough for Mrs Yvonne Cunnane
RESOLVED: that Marlborough Town Council has no objection to this application
- b) **20/05407/TPO** – Reduce large Yew Tree hedge to 15 feet & reduce width to make possible trimming. Remove Norway Spruce at Leverton House, Barnfield, Marlborough for Mr Jeremy Hawkins
RESOLVED: that Marlborough Town Council has no objection to this application
- c) **20/05241/TPO** – Prune all trees from hospital to Junction with A346 at junction A4 London Road/A346 Marlborough for Mr Sean Davies (Wiltshire Council)
RESOLVED: that Marlborough Town Council has no objection to this application
- d) **20/05065/TCA** – 2 x Lime trees – reduce to 5m; Holm oak tree – reduce 2nd stem by 2m; Swamp Cypress tree – reduce one stem by 2m; Yew tree – reduce height by 4m at Masters Lodge, Bath Road, Marlborough for Ms E Kerrigan
RESOLVED: that Marlborough Town Council has no objection to this application

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LICENCE APPLICATION

Members considered a New Premises License application for Kennet, Elcot Park, Elcot Lane, Marlborough for the supply of alcohol OFF the premises, Mon to Fri 09:00 hrs – 17:00 hrs
RESOLVED: that Marlborough Town Council has no objection to this application

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TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE

Members noted that Wiltshire Council had issued notice TTRO 6627 under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 for the temporary closure of:

- A345 Marlborough Road (part) Pewsey from its junction with Old Hospital Road for a distance of approximately 260 metres in a southerly direction
- To enable Network Rail Infrastructure to clear vegetation around railway bridge using roped access and associated works
- From 22:00 on Saturday 1 August 2020 to 08:00 on Sunday 2 August
- Alternative route via A345 (unaffected length) – A342 – A338 and vice versa

Cllr. Wilson took the chair for the following item and Cllr. Price took no part in the discussion

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF FOOTPATH

Members noted that Wiltshire Council had issued notice TTRO 6630 under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 to close temporarily to all users:

- Footpath 19 (part) Marlborough from its junction with Vicarage Close for a distance of approximately 120 metres in an easterly direction
- To enable groundworks associated with new dwelling construction pursuant to planning permission 19/07621/FUL
- From 4 August 2020 for 12 weeks
- Alternative route via Vicarage Close and its alleyway linking Vicarage Close with Footpath 19 and vice versa

Cllr. Wilson summarised the background to this closure:

- When application 19/07621/FUL was considered by the Planning Committee it **RESOLVED:** that Marlborough Town Council has no objection to this application but requests that planning conditions be attached making it clear that use of the footpath by the general public must be maintained at all times and that no vehicular access will be permitted
- Permission was granted by Wiltshire Council including **INFORMATIVE TO APPLICANT:** It is illegal to drive on Stonebridge Lane, which is classified as public footpath MARL19. There should be no breach of the legal status during the construction of the dwelling unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The applicant will therefore need to apply in writing to the Public Rights of Way Team and Traffic Management Team for approval of the temporary closure of the footpath and for any use/obstruction of the main road

He referred to **Mr Hammond's** question and an objection received by email. Concerns discussed included:

- That this would remove a major recreational route from St Martin's to Stonebridge Meadow
- The alternative route included a steep set of steps which would not be accessible for people with disabilities, buggies or wheelchair or mobility scooter users
- The only other accessible alternative route would be a very long detour via St Martins, Barn Street and London Road where the pavements were narrow in places
- A closure of 3 months was unacceptable
- Access to the allotments and Stonebridge Meadow was required by members of the public and the Town Council staff
- That the closure went against the requirements expressed at the time of planning approval

In summary, there were unanimous and strong objections to this closure. As the notice had already been issued, members questioned how they could respond to raise concerns. The Town Clerk agreed to find a way forward very quickly in order for the Town Council to make its objections known

RESOLVED: that Marlborough Town Council has very strong objections to this temporary closure

Cllr. Price resumed the Chair

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RABLEY WOOD VIEW

RESOLVED: that the **Town Mayor** and the Chairs of Planning, Amenities & Open Spaces and Finance & Policy Committees (**Cllrs. Price** and **Ross**) were nominated to meet with GreenSquare to discuss the possible maintenance, management and stewardship of the play area, multi-use games area and compensatory public open space

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SUPPORT FOR MALMESBURY TOWN COUNCIL

Members noted feedback following a recent meeting with Malmesbury Town Council about the outcome of a request to the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government to call in a decision for planning permission on a housing development in the town, and to consider a request for Marlborough Town Council to sign a letter requesting support from local MPs about the likely impact of this on Neighbourhood Planning in Wiltshire.

- The Secretary of State had turned down the request to call in the proposal so the development would go ahead
- The National Planning Policy Framework stated a review period for neighbourhood plans every 2 years, but it was not yet known the extent of this review
- Wiltshire Council had allowed its 5 year land supply to fall below the requirement
- There were implications for all towns with neighbourhood plans concerning the protection of areas against development
- Developers didn't always build once planning permission had been granted, which could add to the shortfall

RESOLVED: that Marlborough Town Council will sign a letter to MPs raising concerns about the future of Neighbourhood Planning in Wiltshire

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NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING

Cllr. Hall would be attending a meeting later in the week with representatives of Preshute Parish Council to resolve issues about the Marlborough Area Neighbourhood Plan and to identify a way to move forward. The Steering Group would meet on 16 July 2020 to work through the details of beginning Regulation 14 Consultation.

The meeting closed at 19:56 pm

Signed:

Chair

Date: